## CZAR AND SULTAN.

LATTER "PLEASED TO MEET WISHES" OF THE FORMER.

## WILL OF ALLAH AS TO THESSALY.

is to the Effect That the Region should Be Reunited to Turkey-Establishing the Armistice-Smolenski at Thermopylae.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 19 .- An offical statement was published this evening which, after briefly reciting the Turkish ble of the war up to the battle of Donokos, says; "The Czar sent to the Stian a special telegram, expressing his meere sentiments, affirming the pacific views of the Powers, and noting with appreciation the success of the Imperial roops. The capture of Domokos forming he natural limit of the defensive operaions, and the government being desirous I giving fresh proof of its pacific inention, the Cabinet decided, and its deision was confirmed by an irade, to cease hostilities upon conditions to be aranged by the respective command-The conditions of peace following the armistice will assure the future rights and dignity of the Imperial governnent, the frontiers of Turkey, and the preservation of general peace.

GREEK ARMY SITUATION ATHENS, May 19.—An official bulletin ust issued says: "The Turks attacked the rmy of the Crown Prince the moment it ed the (ine of the Othris range, The Courth Infantry Regiment was dislodged om Aldinitza (Andonlisa), northwest of evacuating Lamia. The eastern Stylis, on the north coast of the Gulf of Lamia, and there to land Colonel Vassos nd his troops. General Smolenski has

ARMISTICE ANNOUNCED. ATHENS, May 19 .- M. Radit on behalf of the conditions of the armistice cluded at Arta, adding: "Impart these forces; declare that from this nt you suspend hostilities, and will resume them in the event of an atarmistice, and invite the rkish commanders to suspend hostil-

A telegram received here at midnight ounces the arrival of General Smolenski at Lamin, where his presence exerts r influence upon the population. ABDUL ACTED PROMPTLY.

BERLIN, May 19.—The Frankfort letting says to-day that on receipt of the Czar's dispatch, the Sultan, before erring with the council of minis telegraphed to Ethem Pasha, the commander in Thessaly, order rkish troops operating against eks, and also replied to the dispatch the Cear, saying he was happy to Turkish Minister for War, Riaz to-day contracted for 160,000 Mau-

EWARDS FOR TURKISH TROOPS. ONSTANTINOPLE, May 19.-The Sulhas telegraphed his congratulations asked Edhem for a list of those distinguished themselves in the ad-Domekos, in order that he may

Edhem Pasha wires that the Turkish mp has been transferred to Domekos, here he has hoisted the Ottoman flag. himed Pasha telegraphs that after the Prevesa the Greeks left 200 the field, although they took away by sea to Athens.

ustriat mail steamer, Minerva.

## SKIRMISHES CONTINUE.

LONDON, May 20.-The latest reports om Athens show that skirmishes took ace in many places yesterday. The arkish commanders in Thessaly, penddefinite orders from Edhem Pasha, I only accept an armistice of twenty-r hours. There is little doubt, howthat a fortnight's armistice will be

it is difficult to ascertain exactly what parently, the Turks continued to ade, and either through ignorance ly ignoring the armistice negotia-attacked the Greek rear-guard. Atr several combats, lasting three or four ors, the Greeks were compelled, about

rks could be induced to return and PURPOSE TO HOLD THESSALY.

ading the German engineer of the Thessaly, to repair it, and to draw ns for its junction with the Turkish to Monastir. This indicates an inon to transfer the line to the Deutsch hold on Thessaly, TURKISH DEMANDS.

amer Minerva, which was captured by | be allowed to vote on the question. Greek vessel, had on board seventy-two makhan of Volo.

urkey demands, as a condition of the nistice, that all Turkish territory in rus shall be evacuated and the bridges r the Arta neutralized dispatch from Kamia says that the

ik of the Greek army now occupies rka, and the Crown Prince is at Tatsea, near Lamia.

ALLAH'S WILL AS TO THESSALY. LONDON, May 19 .- According to a distch to the Daky Mail from Vienna, the geblatt says: "The Soltan has consulted Shelk-ul-Islam, who has declared it to Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad Shelk-ul-licam, who has declared it to the will of Allah that Thessaly should

ndent at Athens says: "The news of formight's armistics has caused cral feeling of uncasiness here. Tele ms are much delayed, and the angest rumors are current. Reports the anic and of flight come from all the us in the districts around Lamia and s. The Turkish attack on Phourka other positions in the Otheris range compelled the army to retreat to-Mt. Oeta and Thermopylae, white dislodgment of the Fourth Infantry nent at Aldinitza threatens the ret of the main force.

MOLENSKI AT THERMOPYLAE. THENS, May 20.-The government has ed General Smolenski to occupy and d Thermopylae and Molos (Malos). ch will constitute the chief line of

appears that a portion of the army reted at Devenfurka, where its re-

fighting pending a reference of the matter to Edhem Pasha.

General Smolenski and Crown-Prince Constantine met late last night (Wednesday) at Imerbe, five miles from Lamia No further progress has been made in the peace negotiations. A dispatch, just received (2 A. M.) from Arta, says that when the Greek and Turkish delegates met late yesterday to discuss the armis tice, the latter declared they would sub-mit the proposal of the Greeks to Edhem Pasha, and pending the arrival of in-structions from him would agree to an

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS. General Assembly to Convene in Charlotte To-Day.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 19 .- The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States convenes in the First Presbyterian church in this city to-morrow morning at 19 o'clock. The assembly will be called to order by the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. R. Q. Mallard. About four hundred commisdoners have signified their intention of

This session of the assembly will be one of more than ordinary interest, from the fact that the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster stand ards is to be celebrated. Many of the ending clergymen of the Southern Church will be present and take part in the celebration.

The meeting of the General Assembly in Charlotte on the 20th of May is peculiarly appropriate. On that date in each year the Mecklenburg Declaration of Inependence of 1770 as celebrated. storic events of the day are inseparably interwoven with that of the Church of this city and chuntry, building where the assembly is to hold its sessions stands on possibly the most his-toric ground in the South.

The General Assembly of the Presby-terian Church in the United States was organized in Augusta, Ga., in 1861, the first assembly being held in the Presbyerian church in that city. ample arrange

nents for entertaining the assembly, will give the members of that distin-guished body a cordial welcome. PRESBYTERIANS, NORTH.

EAGLE LAKE, IND., May 19,-The ng of the 100th General Assembly of nasized by the arrival of train after train of commissioners and their friends. The powers of the Committee of Entertainment have been taxed to the utmost. of the The interest in the question moderatorship has been lively all day, and it has been discussed on all the incoming The general opinion seems to favor Dr. Henry C. Minton, of San Francisco, as a representative of the far West. Objection to him is based on the fact that he is a professor in a theological seminary. Another candidate is Dr. Shel-don Jackson, the United States Commis-

sioner of Education in Alaska, and one of the most widely-known home missionary workers in the whole church. It s rumored that his name is to be presented by ex-President Harrison. Other candidates have been mentioned, but nothing definite has transpired. The oderatorship gossip has been confine to the lobby of the main hotel, but it uncertainty of the commissioners as to where they and their wives and daughters

The entire day was occupied with conferences on foreign missions. Representatives from distant lands were heard, and the claims of the work have been presented. The meetings were under the and Presbyterial committees and of representatives of the Women's boards.

at the close of the meeting resolutions were adopted looking to the continuation | Melville E. Stone, who announced the and permanent establishment of those ante-assembly meetings as a regular or-Systematic giving, loyalty to the church boards, individual and organized uren contributions, and efforts to support individual missionaries, were among the things recommended.

## CUBA IN THE HOUSE.

Rule Providing for Passage of

for the purpose of framing a rule under which the House will consider the resolution proposed by the Senate to appropriate \$50,000 for the relief of American citizens in Cuba. The Republican lead-ers have canvassed the Cuban question, and decided practically that the House should adopt the Senate resolution to-morrow, and ignore the question of the recognition of belligerency. Bailey, the Democratic leader, is

determined to present a minority report rom the Rules Committee, which seys, will permit him to offer Senator Morgan's resolution as an amendment to the one making the appropriation. It is expected, however, that the Speaker will declare the minority report out of order, such a ruling will result in a filibuster Democrats, if they carry their present purpose. In anticipation of this, the Republicans have telegraphed to all members of the party who are out of the city to return to-morrow, so that the party will have a quorum to do business, without the assistance of the Demo-

The Republicans say they are willing crais and Populists. LONDON, May 19,—The correspondent to have a resolution for beligerency considered, under proper conditions, but regard the relief appropriation a business question, which should not be complicated by the greater proposition. Many Republicans are in favor of recognition of the Cubans, but the party probably would be united in its support of the rule. The leaders fear that any ection on Cuba at this time might hinder the progress of the tariff bill.

Mr. Bailey says he believes recognition

would lead to a settlement of the war in ATHENS, May 19.—The Austrian mail a short time, and that the House should

## Personals and Briefs.

State Senator J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, was in the city yesterday. Miss Janie Searcy Claiborne, of Flor-ence, Ala., is the guest of the Misses Sheppard, 902 west Grace street.

Mrs. A. J. Berry returned yesterday from Washington, where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

Mrs. Chilion and Mrs. Peyton Wise have left town to visit Miss Emily Mason at her country place, in Howard county.

reunited to Turkey. Should he act on this religious prompting, it may extremely difficult for the Powers to event his purpose from being carried to a THENS UNEASY.

ONDON, May 19.—The Times correspondent at Athens mays; "The news of the Junior Theorem of the Junio There will be a meeting of the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association this afterneon at 5 o'clock at the Young Men a Christian Association. A full attendance is especially desired, as there is impurant business to be considered.

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tant business to be considered.

The wife of Rev. J. Z. Tyler, formerly of this city, but now of Cleveland, O., met with a painful accident las: Sunday, While returning home from church she was run down by a bleytle, and one of her legs was broken just above the ankie. Mr. Charles R. Capps, of Portsmouth, Va., general freight agent of the Sea-board Air-Line, and Mr. R. I. Cheatham, of Atlanta, assistant general freight agent of the same line, are at the Jeffer-son Hotel, and visited the company's here Tuesday.

office here Tuesday.

There was recorded yesterday in the Clerk's office of the Hearico County Court a deed of bargain and sale from Edward J. Warren to Lewis Cinter of a tract of land, bounded on the east by Brook turnake, and the south and west by North run, adjoining Lakeside Park. at was cut off by the Turkish occupato of Aldinitza.

We hours' fighting occurred there
tesday morning. When the Turkish
almander was informed that an armisto be had been signed, he replied that he
to hoo knowledge of it; but, accepting
to Greek statement, he stopped the

## ASSOCIATED

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORGANI-ZATION.

Advisory Board for the South-Annual Ranquet-Gifts to Officers for Services Rendered-Speech by Colonel Cowardin.

CHICAGO, May 19.-The annual meeting of the Associated Press was held in the Recital Hall Auditorium to-day. The attendance was very large. In calling the members to order, President Lawson congratulated them on the outcome of the contest with the United Press, saying they should continue to demonstrate by their wisdom that they were worthy of the high estate to which

The Board of Directors, in their report, stated that a year ago they declared the Associated Press had made great progress toward the accomplishment of its original and proper purpose-"the control and administration of the news-gathering and news-distributing business of the country by the newspapers of the country." It was their privilege and pleasure now to justify the claim that the progress of the preceding year had its complement in the achieve ments of the past few months, and to announce that the idea had been accomplished, the Associated Press now cluding in its loyal membership all the with comparatively few exceptions. was a matter for mutual congrat that the contest, which had for four years divided the press of the country, had been brought to a conclusion which commanded general acceptance as permanently assuring the best interests of the whole American press. Associated Press meets its enlarged re-sponsibility with a membership of 681, a early income of about \$1,700,000, a leased wire system of 23,234 miles, and the daily receipt and delivery at each of the more important offices of over 50,000 words. The following directors were unani re-elected: Clayton McMichael, Philadelphia North American; Frank B Noyes, Washington Star; Frederick Dris-coll, St. Paul Pioneer Press; John Norris,

New York World. The following were elected on the Advisory Board for the Southern Division: H. H. Cabannis, Atlanta Journal; A. R. Pickett, Memphis Scimitar; A. S. Ochs, Chattanooga Times; J. H. Baskette, Nashville Banner, and Page M. Baker, New Orleans Times-Democrat.

On motion it was declared the sense of the gathering that the Board of Directors see if a remedy cannot be found to pre-vent the Western Union Telegraph Company from furnishing news bulletins to ons and individuals who do not publish a newspaper; or if they do, get no regular telegraphic news service The association then adjourned.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The fourth annual banquet of the Asso-ciafed Press was given at Kinsley's this vening, the association itself being the losts as well as the guests this There were 140 members present, every seat being occupied. A year ago o horseshoe, was ample. This year the same form was used, but it was necessary to have an addition in the centre, extending the full length of the room. After the first course, the loving-cup was passed around by General-Manager

name of each member as he drank, the mention of the name of all the better-known members being greeted with ap-

Just before the coffee, St. Claire Mc-Kelvey, of the Brooklyn Eagle, arose, and said there were many new faces They belonged to the present and the future. The Old Guard proposed to attest their appreciation and esteem and affection for the exemplars of past services sistant-General-Manager Diebl a watch, and each of the present and for-mer directors a silver medal, all of the gifts containing appropriate inscriptions acknowledging the services rendered The conclusion of his speech was greet-

President Lawson, General-Manager Stone, and Assistant-General-Manager Diehl were somewhat surprised, and ande very brief acknowledgments, repression of regard and confidence.

WATTERSON-HOWELL-COWARDIN. Henry Watterson spoke for the direcexpressing their thanks. He was thankful for the peace, and believed that it would be a lasting and prosperous peace. At last there was an associated press, and he hoped it would endure (Applause.) Clark Howell, of the Atlanta Constitu-

tion, spoke briefly. He believed that the newspapers now had an organization which would strengthen as it grew, and last forever, making it unnecessary for any member now in fellowship to join other news association whatever broad and liberal spirit manifested by the management toward its late op-ponents would prevent internal dissen-sions, and enable it to overcome every future difficulty, as it had the serious ones of the pasi few weeks. A magni-ficent structure had been erected, and the new members joined in the feeling of pride of the old ones, and with them, were ready to burn incense to the efficiency of the Associated Press. (Applause.) Colonel Cowardin, of the Richmond Dispatch, was introduced, and after "forgiving them all," expressed his great gladness at being present, and "one of

#### CONFEDERATE FESTIVAL OPENS. The Armory Crowded-Decorations Profuse and Beautiful. The Confederate Festival, originated

for the purpose of establishing a fund for the erection of a home for aged and indigent women of the Confederacy, was happily inaugurated at the Regimental, Armory last night. An immense crowd was present, and though the opening proceedings were delayed until nearly 9:20 c'clock, there was so much to see nd admire that interest never flagged. The decorations of the drill hall are incomparable. The walls are literally covered with the Confederate colors The walls are literally streamers, and fans of bunting, with shields bearing the State coat of arms, form the background for the various booths, which are artistically designed and most effectively draped. At the east end of the hall hang large pictures of Generals Lee, Jackson, and Pickett, and from the steel girders which cross the building float the red and white flags and banners, which are indissolubly as-

ated with the "Lost Cause." These decorations, profuse and beautithough they are, and serving to heighten the general effect as they do, are secondary to the booths. An element of competition has entered into the decoration of the merchants' which has contributed some striking re-sults. The invariable care and excellent taste displayed in the arrangement of these several exhibits is highly com-mendable, and some very unique feamendable, and some very unique fea-tures do not fail to catch the eye at every turn. The booths operated by the ladies of Pickett Camp Auxiliary are all prettily decorated in red and white, and the host of pretty attendants wear dainty

dresses of the same color.

The bazaar was opened with prayer by The bazaar was opened with prayer by Rev. G. C. Vanderslice. Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson delivered a brief and eloquent opening address. He expressed pleasure at seeing so many present, and highly commended the ladles of Pickett Camp for their zeal. The object, he said, was

particularly worthy one, and it was the duty of every Virginian to contri-bute to the success of the festival. The proposed home, he added, would be a proposed home, he added, would be a beautiful battle abbey, and the duty of the survivors of the late war was un-discharged until the wives and daugh-ters of those who had laid down their lives on the field of battle were provided

Lee Camp attended the bazaar in a body, and nearly every member of Pickett Camp was present, although that body is to pay a formal visit as body-guard to Mrs. Pickett on the last night of the festival.

The entertainment which was to have been given in Sanger Hall last night was postponed. To-night Miss Mayme Leahy will appear, supported by the Norwegian Mandolin Club in a very attractive en-tertainment, entitled "Confederate Memo-

There will be a reception to-morrow af when souvenirs will be given to those who attend

Excursions will be run to the city from outside points on the 2tth, 27th, and 29th. A subscription has been started to buy sliver cup, to be presented to Mrs. Pickett on the occasion of her visit as a

Several voting contests are already in progress, and are arousing considerable interest, chief of these being two silverplated torches, to be voted to the most popular engineer and fireman in the city, and a pair of trousers to the most popu-

The bazaar will be open to-day from 2 MARTHA WASHINGTON BAZAAR.

The contest for the set of doll furniture, losed last night, and was won by Miss An entertainment for children will be given at Cathedral Hall on Friday evening, May 21st, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Ad-

mission, 5 cents. The contest for the stole between the different parishes of the city has postponed until Saturday night. Memrs of the different parishes are invited to attend.

#### STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE Senators and Representatives to At tend Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19 .- (Spe cial.)-Senator Daniel, Senator Martin, and Representatives Jones, Epes, Young, Rixey, and Hay will leave to-morrow to attend the meeting of the State Demoeratic Committee at Richmond, which will determine when and where the next State convention will be held. Senator Daniel will head a delegation from Lynchburg, and, of course, will use his powerful influence to secure the convention for that city. Representative Young will be backed by a large force from Norfolk, who are well known in Richmond, and who will exhaust every resource to take the convention to the city by the sea. They will offer more inducements in the way of crabs, clams, hogfish, and spots, and excursions to Fort Monroe, Ocean View, Virginia Beach, and out to the Capes, than any other city, and the temptations to the rural delegates will be largely in favor of Norfolk. Staunton and Roanoke, of course, will put in their claims, but nobody believes they stand a chance against the bigger cities.

While Norfolk and Lynchburg have their friends, all of the Virginians here with whom I have conversed favor Richmond as the proper place to hold this big convention. The capital of the State, they say, is the place for it. Its historic associations and surroundings, its central location, its ample hotel accommodations, the Auditorium at the Exposition-Grounds, where the Confederate reunion was held, its open-handed hospitality, and every other consideration which renders Richmond dear to every Virginian, makes it the city in which to hold the convention This is detective, the feeling of numbers of those who will attend the convention Austriat mail steamer, Minerva, from Constantinople to Volo, has captured by a Greek vessel and to Oreia, on the north shore of s.

Washington, May 19.—Speaker Reed to Committee on Rules for to-morrow morning, mittee on Rules for to-morrow morning. mention of Richmond and her claims is bound to call up in the breast of every true Virginian.

## RUIZ INVESTIGATION DELAYED. Hunger and Disease Spreading All

Over the Island of Cuba. HABANA via KEY WEST, May 19 .-In spite of Mr. Calhoun's anxiety to get to work on the Ruiz investigation, there has been considerable delay, owing to the elaborate forms of Spanish etiquette, and to the great number of useless pre-liminaries. Last of all, the Spanish representative in the joint investigation has asked that the Crown Prosecutor, Senor Vidal, be allowed to act as his counsel. As Mr. Calhoun is not connected with the office of the American Attorney-General the Americans have objected to Senor Vidal, and in this way more delay The investigation, however, will

probably begin on Monday next. Hunger and disease continue to spread all over the island, with terrible conse quences. Many persons die in absolute estitution, without resources of any Beri-beri has made its appearance at Santiago de Cuba and Holguin. The French Government has sent food to sixty starving French families at Santiago de Cuba.

Captain-General Weyler, having ordered the concentration of the country peo-ple in the districts of Moron and Jucarao, the inhabitants of the villages of Chambas and Marsqui gathered at Moron. The villages were subsequently reduced to ashes, together with all the country houses in that district.

The insurgent Comptroller at Saturnio and Lastro has levied a contribution of 2 per cent, on the value of all farms within his furisdiction, and has also ordered a forced loan from the proprietors of the central sugar estate.

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE CONVOCATION. This the Event of Yesterday at Tennessee Exposition.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 19 .- The convocation of women's colleges was the chief event to-day. Mary B. Temple, of Knoxville, a graduate of Vassar, chairman of the convocation, presided, and delivered an address on "College Edu-cation and Its Effects." Mrs. J. P. Cobb, president of the Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., spoke on "Our Ploneer Colgiving a sketch of Wesleyan Col-the first chartered college in the world for the education of women. Miss S. G. Crozier, of Knoxyille, then spoke. Miss Harriet Terry, of Knoxylle, then spoke,
Miss Harriet Terry, of Knoxylle, representing Smith College, at Newhampton, Mass, spoke on "The Responsibility Woman to Her Commuof a College Miss Minnie Pasiey, of the Mis sissippi Industrial Institute and College, Columbus, spoke on the work that was accomplishing. Institution was accomplishing. Miss Emma Brooks, of Chicago, representing Wellesly, read a paper on s"The Social Side of the Coilege." Miss Faye W. Dunn, of the Peahody Normal, of this city, spoke on "The Commercial Value of a College Education," and Miss Harris, a graduate of Ann Arbor and Cornell, but now at the head of Randolph-Macon Academy, read a paper on "The Educational Objection."

With a few words by Miss Conway. With a few words by Miss Conway, pleading for coeducation at Vanderbilt,

the convocation closed. Postmasters for Virginia.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Fourth-class nostmasters for Virginia were appointed to-day as follows: Alleghany Station, J. W. Hughes; Applegrove, Victoria Meredith; Dexter, Ellinu Debusk; Erald, I. V. Miller; Fincastle, A. M. McClintock; Sumpson, A. Y. Sampson; Sheltin, J. L. Mortie.

#### CODES HIGH. COME

\$10,000 FOR ONE AND \$20,000, IT IS SAID, FOR ANOTHER.

Cable Code Experis in Every Big Shipping House Nowadays-The Money Which They and the Code Save Shippers.

(New York Sun.) The extent to which the use of the telegraph enters into the transaction of business at the close of the century is in some measure indicated by the fact that a prominent shipping house of New York ha recently paid \$10,000 for a cipher code to be used in the transmission of business messages, and that the cost of this code will be more than made up in the saving effected on telegraphic messages in one year. Owing to the rapid extension of land wires and submarine cables within the last few years, all parts of the globe are now connected by electricity, and the bulk of the world's business is done by its aid through the medium of codes which have been constructed to meet the requirements of the commercial and financial world. Where formerly the mails were used for the transmission of commercial messages, their business use is nowadays chiefly limited to the vertication and elaboration of communications previously sent by wire. The telegraph account on a merchant's balance sheet s, therefore, an important item, and it is vented. The function of a code as em ployed in commercial transactions has re-ference less to secrecy than to economy, though both results are accomplished at the same time. Codes having particular reference to concealment and privacy are used extensively by governments and in-dividuals, but these cryptographic systems are simple and lucid as contrasted with elaborate and complicated forms serve the purposes of economy in the busi-

To such an extent has the code system of to-day been perfected that the ma-jority of the cablegrams passing between New York and the uttermost ends of the earth contain no more than two or three words in addition to the name and address, while large numbers contain but a single word each. Names and addresses are also condensed into cipher to reduce a message addressed to "Clarence Mun oe, Paris," would be delivered Clarence Eddy, organist, care of Munroe & Co., 7 Rue Scribe, Paris, France-a sav ing of eleven words out of fourte The executive departments of the United States Government are each supplied with different cipher systems, and these ire used both for secreey and economy

It is easy to see why concealment is necessary when the Treasury Department transmitting directions or information which might be used for stock jobbins purposes, and that secrecy would be ex-sential in sending out the announcement that a train loaded with gold bullion would on a certain day and hour start from the Mint at Carson City for Sai The Navy Department's pher is a very expensive and complicated one, and is used in all correspond dence pertaining to the movements of ressels and fleets. When the Trenton and the Samoan Islands nine years ago a cipher could not be used in advising the department at Washington of the catastrophe, as the code book was on board the Trenton, and went to the bottom with the ship. The message was sent in Auckland cost the United States nearly 11.000. The Weather Eureau uses a ci pher code for economy in the transmis sion of reports from the 150 signal stations phic code for the use of the War Depart. ment, early in 1861, and the first key to it was introsted to Allan Pinkerton, the Wilkes Booth, the assasi Lincoln, was captured means of a cipher message sent to Washington, and the operator who tele-

graphed the message received \$500 out of the reward offered. It is a rule of the cable companies that no word shall contain more than ter letters without an extra charge, and that in cipher messages coined words shall not be used. An official code vocabulary for universal use was adopted by the International Telegraphic Convention sitting at Budapest in June and July of last year, and steps were taken toward making the use of this code compulsory throughout the world, commencing with January 1, 1898. This measure called out a storm of protests and remonstrances from merchants and commercial bodies in the United States, and the plan of making the new vocabulary compulsory was abandoned. The convention decided not to enforce the use of the first edition of the new vocabulary, and ordered the International Bureau of Telegraphic Administration at Berne, Switzerland, to prepare and issue a second enlarged and modified edition. It was also decided that the date of the compulsory use of this second edition should be fixed by

convention to be held in London in 1991.

It is one of the requisites of a satisfactory cipher code vocabulary that there should be a typographic and telegraphi dissimilarfity in the words used, and that each word should differ from every other word by at least two letters, and three elementary Morse signs. Otherwise the error of a single letter or the similarity of telegraphic signals might convey a word totally different in meaning from that handed in by the sender. For example, "generalize" might be rendered "mineralize," "acetyle" might be made to read "actyle," and so on. It was found, on examination, that the official vocabulary as adopted at Budapest did not meet its own requirement, and that out of its 256,000 words, over 30,000 words were given in which the dissimilarity of at least two letters and three telegraphic signs did not exist.
John C. Hartfield

John C. Hartfield, a New York com-piler of codes, was the first one to weed out the faulty words by a system of double checking. A force of women in New York and another in London were employed to make the search, and their labors were then compared. In this way 30,000 words were eliminated from the official vocabulary, and its total reduced to 225,000 words. It is understood that the enlarged vocabulary to be adopted at the London conference in 1961 will contain nearly 500,000 words, and in order to obviate as far as possible the objections urged by persons already posses-sing codes obtained at large expense, the International Bureau will introduce into the new collection such words now found in private codes as shall meet the general requirements-namely, that they shall be dictionary words in either the French, German, Spanish, Portuguess, Italian, Dutch, or Latin languages, and shall be dissimilar in letters and telegraphic signs, as already stated. Owners of such codes have only to send them for ollation to the bureau at Berne, which then charges itself with the execution of the work.

Many people imagine that a business code is merely a printed book, a dic tionary, or an encyclopaedia. It is true that a cipher code, having for its ob-ject the concealment of the meaning of a message from all persons except the one to whom it is addressed is construct-ed on these relatively simple lines, but a complete business code is a very differa complete business code is a very different affair. Some of the code works now used by business houses are vast compilations of figures, and special arrangements of words designed to cover the multifarious details of business in reference to a single article, to say nothing of the variety of subjects that can come up in connection with every kind of mer-chandise which the United States buy abroad and sell abroad, as well as financlai and speculative matters of the ut-

most importance.

Among the business-houses which have paid big prices for private codes the more conspicuous are Flint, Eddy & Co., of New York, and Armour & Co., of Chi-The code used by Flint, Eddy &

named figure is probably an exaggera-tion, as the size and complexity of a code govern its cost, and the system tion, as the size and complexed of code govern its cost, and the system used by an importing and exporting-house dealing in merchandise of almost every known description would naturally be more elaborate than that used by a company which handles a relative training and the company which handles are company which has a company which handles are company which had company wh by limited number of its own manufac-tured products. The code used by Flint, Eddy & Co. contains a general voca-bulary of 225,000 words, and a special vocabulary of 30,000 words, making a total of 256,000. It is estimated that by the use of this code the firm will save from \$12,500 to \$15,000 a year in telegraph expenses. This does not mean neces-sarily that the receipts of the cable com-panies are to be decreased in that pro-It means that by the us code systems the cables are utilized for the transaction of business which could not be handled by telegraph at all if full-word rates had to be paid, and it may happen that in the long run the receipts of the cable companies are in-creased, rather than diminished, by the use of cipher codes. Every large ship-ping house, and many of the leading financial establishments are provided with separate code systems, which are guarded closely and carefully from the knowledge of outsiders. The gross sum of the money saved by the code is enor-An ordinary message, sent remote part of the world, to which the cable rate is \$3 a word, would cost from \$30 to \$100, is sent in the language of involves the expenditure of only a small sum. An example of the extent to which words and their numerical co-agents can

Co. is said to have been procured at a cost of \$10,000, and the cost of Armour

e used in telegraphing detailed informa-on was furnished to the Sun reporter, as follows: NEW YORK, May 1.-To Smith & Tompkins, Cape Town, South Africa We offer, cost, insurance, and freight, at \$1.27 per case, 15,000 cases of kerosene oll; by sailer early next with deck-load of staves, freight rate to Cape Town \$4.10 per 1,000 feet, subject to reply by wire before 12 M. to-morrow. To other points add 1 cent per case on

This message of fifty-eight words, aside from the address and signature was conveyed in the following code words

and figures: "Reportabam-041335. Aqueduct-568432." It should be understood that only the words are cabled, and that the figures are contained in the key-book in the possession of the person receiving the mes sage, and are used by him to translate the message. The system by which all this is given in two words is one of extraordinary complexity, but the cable code experts employed in the large shipping houses are so skilled in their work that not above ten minutes would be occupled either in sending or translating this two-word message. In the office of a representative Broad-street firm four clerks are employed in the cable code department, all of them high-priced men. From ten to fifteen messages from different parts of the globe are received every day, and the cable-book has completely displaced the letter-book in imtypes of one and two-word messages in grain trade: Gracasando," Translation—"We offer wheat ship-

Fracasando, Translation—We offer 5,000 quarters No. 2 spring wheat, shipment by steam to your port, at 37s, 434d."
"Remixed. Fastidiar" Translation—
"We offer 10,000 quarters No. 2 spring wheat. In force for reply Wednesday. Shipment this month. Others have sold at this price, @ 26s. 6d."

In the single-word message the saving neteen words out of twenty, and in the two-word message twenty-six out of twenty-eight words. The average saving in the larger codes is estimated at 25 to 1. gathered from the fact that by one route the cable rate to Cartagena in Colombia is \$3.19 per word; to Puerto Cabello, in Venezueia, \$3.15 per word, and to points in the Cape Colonies of South Africa \$1.48 r word. This is why a busi-can pay \$10,000 for a cipher to \$1.50 per word. code, and save its price in less than one year.

### TROUBLE AT ELIZABETH CITY. Negro Strikers Threaten New Men-

Naval Reserves Called Out. CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 19.-Thirty laces were filled. They surrounded the mill at 6 o'clock to-night, threatening the superintendent and new men. They were kept out of the mili by arms in possession of the new men until aid, sumnoned by telephone, could arrive from Elizabeth City. The negroes dispersed upon the arrival of a division of the Naval Reserves from Elizabeth City, with a howitzer, been made, and No arrests have yet entertained if arrests are attempted.

## BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY. Cancellation of Debt-Co-Operation

With Southern Baptists, PITTSBURG, PA., May 19 .- At tolay's session of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, an offer was received from John D. Rockefeller to donate \$250,000 to clear the society of debt, if a similar amount was raised before uly 1st. It was reported that the new plan of co-operation with the white and colored Baptists of the South, which went into effect in 1895-'96 in North Carolina and Alabama, had been extended to South Carolina and Virginia, with

#### most happy and beneficial results. JAPANESE TOWN DESTROYED. Four Thousand Houses Burned-

Forty or Fifty Lives Lost. VICTORIA, B. C., May 19.—The steamer Empress of India, from Yokohama, today, brought news of a fire which com-pletely destroyed the town of Hochioli, in the silk district of Japan. Nearly 4,900 houses were burned, and between 40 and 50 lives lost. All the houses were frail wooden structures, and the fire took but a short time to sweep the town, giving the helpless members of the community but little chance to escape. brought news of a fire which com-

## Senator Earle Worse.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 19.—A special from Greensville to the News and Courier says: The condition of Senator Earle is such that his recovery is almost hopeless. For several hours he has not been able to retain any food, and there is evidence of dilatation of the heart, which indicates the secondary symptoms of Bright's disease. His mind is clear, and he is making a strong fight against the disease, but his physicians are not sanguine of a recovery.

## Assignment at Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 19.—R. M. Nimocks, dealer in piantation supplies, and naval stores, and cotton factor, made an assignment to-day at noon. Business, depression and shrinkage in property values are given as the cause. Liabilities about \$70,000, with assets nearly, or quite as much. as much.

#### Cassin's Bank Rehabilitated. ATLANTA, GA., May 19 .- By agreement

ATLANTA, GA., May 17.—By agreement of counsel, the injunction case against the Georgia Loan and Savings Bank, which was recently embezzled from by Cashler Cassin, was dissolved to-day, and the application for a receivership was lented. A new directory has been secred, and the stockholders declare the ank is solvent. Mining Property to Be Sold.

# ATLANTA, GA., May 19.—The property of the Georgia Mining and Manufacturing consisting of real estate, ore-lands, railroads, and mining acciver Julius Brown. The order of the court, fixing the sale, was handed down to-day. The upset price is \$12,000.

Oscar Wilde Released. LONDON, May 20.—Oscar Wilde, who on May 15, 1895, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labor, for immoral practices, was released from jail to-day.

Big Fire in Jersey City. NEW YORK, May 19.—A fire it Jersey City early this morning destroyed pro-perty worth \$109,000, and made sixty families homeless.

## IN WOMAN'S CLOTHES.

THE YOUNG NEGRO WHO ROBBES MRS BOSQUET ARRESTED.

## LEAVING THE CITY IN DISGUISE.

The Detective's Bot Pursuit-Story of the Robbery and Brutal Attack. A Woman's Placky Fight-Sergeaut Hall's Clever Work in the Case.

James Young, a colored youth, who was only released from jail last Marche was arrested last night and carried to the Second Police Station, charged with breaking into the store of Mr. M. Bosquet, on Main and Twenty-sixth streets, . Saturday night, and also, with assaulting Mrs. Bosquet, who tried to hold him tetil help came. Mr. and Mrs. Bosquet have been rest-

dents of Richmond for many years and are estimable people, Since Mr. Bosquet came to this city he has, by energy and enterprise, surrounded his family with many of the luxuries of life, and has built an excellent store-house at the above address.

On Saturday night about twenty minutes to 12 o'clock, just at the time of closing, Mr. Bosquet had occasion to go next door and left his wife in charge of the store. Mrs. Bosquet came to the front door and seated herself in a chair in the street. She noticed a negro down the street and one on the opposite side, but paid little attention to them. Pre-sently, she was attracted by the chink of money, and turning, saw a mun help-ing himself to the change in the money-drawer, under the counter of the bar. Although in a delicate state of health, Mrs. Bosquet forgot all fear and at-tempted to seize the burgiar, at the same time loudly calling for help.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

The man saw that unless desperate etforts were used he would be caught. Wrenching his arm free from the man's grasp, he struck her and then kicked her brutally several times. He escaped, but a careful search was instituted by the police, with the result that the negro was caught last night about 10 o'clock.

Sergeant Hall has known the family for years, and took a peculiar interest in the case, and on it he has done some of his most efficient work. He engaged a colored man who knew a thing or two, and last night this man told him that Young was about to leave Richmond, and that he would do so in the dress of a woman. According to his plans he was to make his exit from a den on Second street. The place was watched by De-tectives Tomlinson, Hall, and Gibson. Presently a rather strange-looking figure in a woman's garb emerged from a house, and the attending darky gave Sergeant Hall the prearranged sign. The detective started after the retreating figure, which at once began to run. The officer stopped, and, taking deliberate aim, fired. fugitive, much to Sergeant Hall's zement, kept on at the same lively amazement, pace. He did not go far, however, before the other two officers had headed him off and placed their strong hands upon his shoulders. He was then taken to the Second Station in the patrol van.

YOUNG'S BAD RECORD. James Young, though only 18 years old, reputation that will be much against Since April, 1995, he has been in him. jail for robbing a money-drawer, coming out just two months ago, and he is recognized as a particularly mean negro, Since Saturday night Mrs. Bosquet has

been dangerously fil, being continually Young's was a dastardly crime, and the justice he will speedly receive will place him behind iron bars for years.

## CONFEDERATE HEROES' PICTURES.

Two Distinguished Soldiers' Portraits to Be Presented to Lee Camp. The meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1. negroes at a lumber-mill near Elizabeth | Confederate Veterans, on to-morrow City went out on a strike last week. Their | night, will be of unusual interest, and the friends of the camp, especially the

ladies, are invited to be present. Several handsome oil-paintings of distinguished Confederate soldiers will be presented to the camp, and a splendid nusical programme, arranged by Captain Frank W. Cunningham, will be rendered. The meeting will commence at \$ o'clock.

Members of the Westmoreland Club,
friends and admirers of General Dabney H. Maury, will present to the gallery a portrait of General Maury by Mr. Cornelius Hankins. Mr. Virginius Newton wix present the portrait, and it will be received on behalf of the camp by Hon.

George L. Christian. The Pegram Battalion Association will then present a picture of Captain George M. Cayce. Colonel John B. Purcell w li make the presentation speech, member of the old battalion will accept it

## Sunday-School Children to Come.

Colonel Jacob S. Allen and Mr. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, N. C., were in the city yesterday, arranging for the coming to this city June 8th of an excursion of about 1,000 Sunday-school scholars, who will arrive in the morning, and spend the day here. They called on Mr. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, and arranged for their baskets to be kept in the basement of the Capitol, and for the children to spend as much of the day as they wish in the Square.

## Opposed to the Sale.

At a meeting of the Richmond Section of the Socialist Labor party, held last night, a set of resolutions were passed condemning the suggested sale of the gasworks. The party claims that it would be an "outrage upon the citizens of Richmond, especially upon those who have heretofore made an honest living by working at a fair scale of wages under the present system of management," and, therefore, earnestly protests.

## DEATHS.

METZ.-Died, Wednesday afternoon WILLIE 2:30 o'clock, of appendicitis, WILLIE CREE, son of Philip and Emma Metz, in the 6th year of his age.
The funeral will take place from Hoge-

Memorial charch, corner Franklin and Nineteenth streets, THIS (Thursday) AF-TERNOON at 5% o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend. MILLER-Died, at 5:40 P. M., OSCAR MILLER, infant son of R. H. and Ella N. Miller; aged 3 months and 18 days. Funeral at residence, 705% south Pine street, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON

5 o'clock. Friends and relatives invited. PECKHAM.-Died, suddenly, at Santa Monica, Cal., Tuesday, May 18, 1807, ALICE ENSLOW, wife of Richard Peck-ham, formerly of Richmond.

Interment at Los Angeles. PLAGEMAN.—Died, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Neurour, Jr., 1113 west Clay street, Wednesday, May 19th, 10:30 A. M., BERNARD PLAGE-MAN, in the 5th year of his age.

Funeral will take place FRIDAY, May
2ist, from St. Mary's German Catholic
church at 2 A. M. Friends and accualntances invited to attend without
further notice.

WALKE - Died, May 19th, at the resi-

dence of her husband, Mr. Caspar Walke, SUDIE WASHINGTON WALKE,

#### Funeral notice later. Funeral Notice.

The funeral of Mrs. FRANK LEIBER-MUTH will take place TO-DAY (Thurs-day) at 3 o'clock, from her late residence, iiii Grove avenue. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to artend.